

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

adding to a first set of preferred broadcasted programs a second set of broadcasted programs, wherein each of the second set of broadcasted programs has an associated viewing value greater than or including broadcasted programs viewed by a viewer for a period of time at least equal to a first viewing threshold;

removing from the first set of preferred broadcasted programs a third set of broadcasted programs, wherein each of the third set of broadcasted programs has an associated viewing value less than or including broadcasted programs not viewed by a viewer for a period of time at least equal to a second viewing threshold, wherein the second viewing threshold is less than the first viewing threshold;

displaying the first set of preferred broadcasted programs on a display device;

receiving an indication of a level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs; and

updating at least one of the first viewing threshold and the second viewing threshold automatically based on the received indication of the level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising adding to the first set of preferred broadcasted programs a fourth set of broadcasted programs manually selected by ~~the~~ a viewer.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the indication of the level of user satisfaction comprises determining that ~~the~~ a viewer returned to a complete schedule of programs more than a predetermined number of times.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first threshold and the second threshold are calculated as different percentages of a maximum time that a channel was viewed.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

adding to a first set of preferred broadcasted programs a second set of broadcasted programs, wherein each of the second set of broadcasted programs has an associated viewing value greater than or including broadcasted programs viewed by a viewer for a period of time at least equal to a first viewing threshold;

removing from the first set of preferred broadcasted programs a third set of broadcasted programs, wherein each of the third set of broadcasted programs has an associated viewing value less than or including broadcasted programs not viewed by a viewer for a period of time at least equal to a second viewing threshold, wherein the second viewing threshold is less than the first viewing threshold;

displaying the first set of preferred broadcasted programs on a display device;

receiving an indication of a level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs; and

updating at least one of the first viewing threshold and the second viewing threshold automatically based on the received indication of the level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs.

8. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the operations further comprise adding to the first set of preferred broadcasted programs a fourth set of broadcasted programs manually selected by a ~~the~~ viewer.

9. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the indication corresponds to a level of user dissatisfaction, and wherein the updating comprises

determining new values for at least one of the first threshold and the second threshold such that the new values will change the number of broadcast programs in the first set to correspond to a preferred range for the number of broadcast programs to display.

10. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein receiving the indication of the level of user satisfaction comprises determining that ~~the a~~ viewer returned to a complete schedule of programs more than a predetermined number of times.

11. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the first threshold and the second threshold are calculated as different percentages of a maximum time that a channel was viewed.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a processor configured to control at least some operations of the apparatus;
a memory storing computer executable instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the apparatus to:

add to a first set of preferred broadcasted programs a second set of broadcasted programs, wherein each of the second set of broadcasted programs has an associated viewing value greater than or ~~including broadcasted programs viewed by a viewer for a period of time at least equal to a first viewing threshold;~~

remove from the first set of preferred broadcasted programs a third set of broadcasted programs, wherein each of the third set of broadcasted programs has an associated viewing value less than or ~~including broadcasted programs not viewed by a viewer for a period of time at least equal to a second viewing threshold,~~ wherein the second viewing threshold is less than the first viewing threshold;

display the first set of preferred broadcasted programs on a display device connected to the apparatus;

receive, via a user input device connected to the apparatus, an indication of a

level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs;
and

update at least one of the first viewing threshold and the second viewing threshold automatically based on the received indication of the level of user satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the indication corresponds to a level of user dissatisfaction, and wherein the updating comprises determining new values for at least one of the first threshold and the second threshold such that the new values will change the number of broadcast programs in the first set to correspond to a preferred range for the number of broadcast programs to display.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein receiving the indication of the level of user satisfaction comprises determining that ~~a the~~ viewer returned to a complete schedule of programs more than a predetermined number of times.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first threshold and the second threshold are calculated as different percentages of a maximum time that a channel was viewed.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the indication corresponds to a level of user dissatisfaction and wherein the updating comprises:

determining that the number of broadcast programs in the first set exceeds a program number threshold;

raising at least one of the first threshold and the second threshold; and

determining that the raising will decrease the number of broadcast programs in the first

set to below the program number threshold.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the indication corresponds to a level of user dissatisfaction and wherein the updating comprises:

determining that the number of broadcast programs in the first set is lower than a program number threshold;

lowering at least one of the first threshold and the second threshold; and

determining that the lowering will increase the number of broadcast programs in the first set to more than the program number threshold.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the indication corresponds to a level of user dissatisfaction and wherein the updating comprises:

determining that the number of broadcast programs in the first set exceeds a program number threshold;

raising at least one of the first threshold and the second threshold; and

determining that the raising will decrease the number of broadcast programs in the first set to below the program number threshold.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the indication corresponds to a level of user dissatisfaction and wherein the updating comprises:

determining that the number of broadcast programs in the first set is lower than a program number threshold;

lowering at least one of the first threshold and the second threshold; and

determining that the lowering will increase the number of broadcast programs in the first set to more than the program number threshold.

24-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first viewing threshold and the second viewing threshold correspond to either a number of times a broadcast program was tuned to or an accumulated viewing time for a broadcast program.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the received indication of the level of user satisfaction is based on a boolean user input corresponding to satisfaction with the displayed first set of preferred broadcast programs.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

calculating and storing a number of times that a user returned to a complete schedule of programs;

comparing the number of times that the user returned to the complete schedule of programs to a first predetermined value;

lowering at least one of the first viewing threshold or the second viewing threshold only if the number of times that the user returned to the complete schedule of programs is greater than the first predetermined value;

comparing the number of times that the user returned to the complete schedule of programs to a second predetermined value; and

raising at least one of the first viewing threshold or the second viewing threshold only if the number of times that the user returned to the complete schedule of programs is less than the first predetermined value.